

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. This communication is responsive to 9/17/2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-11,13-20,22-25 renumbered 1-22, respectively.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 11, 13 – 20, 22 – 25 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record, in single or in combination, fails to disclose explicitly the limitations of "measuring the strength of the signal the base station receives in at least two consecutive time slots, wherein the difference in signal strengths is considerable enough to produce an erroneous bit decision if the difference exceeds a determined threshold value,

determining a first weighting coefficient by comparing the strength of the signal the base station receives in a time slot with the strength of the signal the base station receives in a previous time slot,

determining a second weighting coefficient by comparing the strength of the signal the base station receives in a time slot with the strength of the signal the base station receives in a following time slot,

reducing, using the first determined weighting coefficient, in soft bit decision-making in a decoder, the significance of at least one symbol at a beginning of a burst the base station receives in a time slot if the difference between the measured signal strengths is considerable enough to produce an erroneous bit decision, and

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reducing, using the second determined weighting coefficient, in soft bit decision-making in the decoder, the significance of at least one symbol at an end of the burst the base station receives in a time slot if the difference between the measured signal strengths is considerable enough to produce an erroneous bit decision" as disclosed in claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, respectively.

3. Additionally, all of the further limitations in claims 5 – 8, 13 – 17, 22 – 25 are allowable since the claims are dependent upon the independent claims.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew C. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-3131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan D. Orgad can be reached on (571) 272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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